The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Buy your stationery, blank or printed, at the ITEM office.

This locality was visited by a light rain-fall Monday night.

Assist the Methodist ladies by taking dinner and supper with them Saturday. Prices 15 and 25 cents.

Goldman & Co., brokers of New York City, are conducting an enormous sale of merchandise in Mapleton, selling the entire stock of Shapiro Bros. department store.

A fire near Mill Creek on Friday evening destroyed the house occupied by George Olewine, with all its contents, including the butchering which had been done that day.

A large oil portrait of Rev. Dr. W. P. Eveland, the popular president, of Williamsport Dickinson seminary, was unveiled on Thanksgiving Day. Dr. Eveland was completely surprised.

Substantial meals will be served all day Saturday by the Methodist ladies in the Rex rooms on Main street, opposite Wright's general store. You will make no mistake by eating there next Saturday.

Fire has been burning over Jack's mountain in the Narrows between Mapleton and Mount Union for several days past. The fire is supposed to have been started by a spark from a passing locomotive.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has broken ground for its new creosote plant in Mt. Union, with about fifty men on the job. It is situated on the north side of the town. F. M. Sawyer, of this place, is the engineer on the work.

The stock of Shapiro Bros.' department store at Mapleton is being disposed of for cash by Goldman & Co., brokers, of New York City. Some good goods are being offered at real bargain prices. The sale began this morning and will continue indefinitily.

Twenty-two persons from Mapleton attended the revival meeting in progress at Bowman's chapel Saturday night. They report a lively meeting at which much good is being accomplished. There was one seeker at the altar of prayer Saturday evening.

The Mt. Union Silica Brick Co. shipped more brick from the fifth to the twentieth of November than they did during any other entire month of this year. The company is now increasing its force and output of the plant, having hired about twenty-five men within the last two weeks.

Captain Clymer, of the Pennsylvania railroad police, Sunday morning captured two escaped prisoners from the Huntingdon reformatory, Kibler, a white boy and Farrell, a colored lad, at Cresson and returned them to the institution. The lads made their escape from the institution last Wednesday while at work on the farm.

Posses of citizens and officers have been scouring the hills adjacent to Lewistown since Sunday in the hope of routing out Frank Lee, the man who murdered George Porter on Saturday night, and the authorities now reluctantly admit that they believe he has succeeded in getting into the mountains and will follow them into one of the southern states.

H. H. Swope, Esq., as surveyor, Wesley Gregory, of Neffs' Mills, and Warren Ingram, of Spruce Creek, viewers appointed to vacate part of a public road in West township, five miles north of Petersburg, met on the ground yesterday and performed the duties of their appointment. They will make their report to the court which sits at Huntingdon next Monday.

The several Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in Altoona have taken initial steps for the elaborate celebration of Washingtons birthday on February 22nd next. Mr. C. L. Nonemaker, district president of the order in Blair county, is an enthusiastic American and stronly favors the observance of the birthday of Washington after whom each of the 770 Camps in the state are named. And he's right, too.

J. B. Musse, a Reading goosebone weather prophet, announces that the breastbone of the goose is very peculiarly marked this year. There is a dark spot here and there making an accurate prediction difficult, indicating that the winter will be generally an open one with a very cold spell now and then. December will be very cold, but there will be little snow. January will have some snow with a warm spell during the middle of the month. February will be a severe month with plenty of ice and snow. March will open with a warm spell and plenty of rain and hail and a late spring will follow.

Wonderful Revival at Trinity M. E. Church, Philipsburg.

Rev. S. D. Wilson, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, Philipsburg, is conducting a spirited revival meeting in his church, and is assisted by Prof. J. Raymond Heminger, an evangelistic singer. The following account of Sunday's meetings we glean from the Philipsburg Daily Journal of Monday and it will prove a source of much gratification to the many friends of the divine in this his native community:

Prof. J. Raymond Heminger's sweet singing is evidently a benediction to this community. Never has there been an evangelistic singer in any of the churches of this town with more of a Christ-like spirit and such a finely trained voice as is possessed by this man who is assisting in the revival at Trinity M. E. church. Yesterday was an ideal day for a revival and the people came from miles around and packed the church, taxing its capacity to accommodate the multitude who were anxious to hear the gospel as it was sung by the great congregation.

After two strong sermons by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Wilson, and heartrending appeals made to the unsaved a score during the day took their stand and surrendered their life to Christ, among whom were some of the leading citizens of the town. Not soon will those who were present forget the scenes of the morning when God's power moved the multitude to tears and persuaded the unsaved to surrender to him. The public is cordially invited to embrace the opportunity to hear this man of God sing the gospel.

News of the Churches.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. J. H. Ake, pastor—Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock, led by the pastor.

Service for next Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9.30, class meeting at 10.30 a. m., junior league 3.15, and preaching at 7.00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Edwin A Snook, pastor—Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services for Sabbath Dec. 6th, as follows: Sabbath school 9.30 and preaching at 10.30 a. m., christain endeavor at 6.15 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, Rev. G. R. Alban, pastor.—Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock. M. F. Robley, leader.

Services for Sunday, Dec. 6: Sunday school 9.30, preaching and communion service at 10.45 a. m., junior endeavor at 2.00, Y. P. S. C. E., 600 and prayer meeting at 7.00 p. m. Quarterly conference Wednesdoy, December 9, 1908, at 2 p. m.

Things Are Booming at Three Springs.

Three Springs is booming at present, says the Huntingdon Globe. The railroad yard is piled up with paper wood, lumber, etc., for shipment over the East Broad Top railroad to various points along the Pennsylvania railroad. Since the election of Taft for President business at that point has increased to a large extent, and still brighter days are expected in the industrial situation. It is stated that at the present time there is more paper and extract wood being shipped over the road than for years.

Church Women to Serve Meals.

The ladies of the Mapleton M. E. church will serve dinner and supper on Satuaday, December 5th, in Mrs. Rex's room, known as the drug store, on Main street. In addition to meals served in up to-date style, there will be for sale oysters. candy, ice cream, sandwitches, etc. Price for meals will be 15 and 25 cents. Your patronage solicited.

Report of Latta Grove School.

Following is the report of Latta Grove school for second month, ending Friday, Nov. 27, 1908: Whole no. enrolled, males 8, females 11, total 19; average attendance for month, males 7, females 10, total 17; per cent of attendance for month, males 88, females 97, total 92. Those who missed no time during the month are Harry Bowman, Malva Dell, Maud Stever, Mabel Dell, Ester Lynn, Elda Dell, Daisy Bowman, Carrie Bowman. Visitors 4. D. H. Dell, teacher.

—Mrs. Caroline Parsons, who underwent an operation at the Lewistown hospital a few weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently as to be able to return to her home in this place. She arrived last evening and was able to walk to her home.

—Mrs. Catharine E. Crone, of this place, widow of the late John Crone, has been granted a widow's pension of $12.00 per month. Mrs. Crone was formerly the widow of Lewis A. Horton, who served in the Civil war and was wounded and died in the service. She drew a pension up to the time of her marriage to John Crone, forty-two years ago, when the pension ceased. After the death of her late husband which occurred last May she applied for renewal with the result above stated.

PERSONAL NOTES.

—W. A. Parker, of Juniata, was a Sunday visitor to Mapleton.

—Miss Julia Chilcott, of Colfax, was the guest of Mr. Bruce Yocum last Friday.

—Mrs. Nancy Simpson, of Mill Creek, spent Sundy with her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Hicks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Fessler, of Robertsdale, were guests of O. C. Chilcote and family over Sunday.

—Miss Naomi Wilson, of Cassville, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bruce Yocum, on Railroad street over Sunday.

—Mrs. Narcissa Goodman, Miss Nellie Goodman and Miss Florence Oswalt called on Mill Creek friends last Sunday.

—Ernest E. Swope, a student at State College, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Swope, in this place.

—Mrs. L. R. Smith and children, of Altoona, returned home Monday from a visit among friends at Cassville and Mapleton.

—Miss M. E. Williams, Mrs. H. W. Kadle and Mrs. W. B. Hicks, of Altoona, were Sunday guests of J. G. Hicks and family.

—Mrs. Loren Neice left yesterday for Smethport, McKean county, to see her mother, Mrs. H. A. Chilcote, who is seriously ill.

—Howard Burley and wife, of Huntingdon, spent Thanksgiving day with the latter's mother, Mrs. Narcissa Goodman, in Mapleton.

—Charles Yocum, a student at State College, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Yocum in this place several days during the past week.

—D. E. Parker, of Juniata, president of the First National Bank of that town, spent several days of the past week with friends in this vicinity.

—Mrs. A. L. Morgan and three children, of Cumberland, Maryland, are paying a visit to her father J. C. Estep and other friehds in Mapleton.

—Mrs. Julia B. Dell, who had been confined to her bed with pneumonia for two weeks past, is able to be about the house and is on a fair way to recovey.

—Capt. W. C. Gayton, of Mount Union, for many years identified with the business interests of Mapleton; was in town yesterday mingling with his numerous friends.

—Mrs. Laura M. Smith, of East Altoona, who has been visiting for the past ten days among relatives and friends in this vicinity, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. B. Slates.

—Director of the Poor J. Q. Dell, of Cass township, passed through Mapleton Monday to attend the regular monthly meeting of the board at Shirleysburg which was held yesterday.

—Stone mason Anderson Wagner returned home Saturday afternoon from Graysville where he had been employed for the three weeks previous on the abutments and pier for a bridge at that place.

—Rev. Hugh Strain, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lumber City, and well known throughout this region, has broken down physically and will be compelled to give up pastoral work. He formerly served as pastor on the Cassville charge.

—Agent J. G. Hicks left yesterday in company with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John S. Hicks and son, to accompany them as far as Lincoln, Nebraska on their, way to Anaconda, Montana. Mrs. Hicks and son expect to reach their destination by Saturday evening and Mr. Hicks will arrive home by that time. We wish them a safe journey.

—Allen Swope and wife, of Pittsburgh, visited their daughter, Mrs. O. C. Chilcote, on Gurd avenue during the past week, returning home Monday morning. Mr. Swope, who has not been enjoying good health, became suddenly ill Saturday evening and during Saturday night and Sunday his condition was most critical. Feeling some better Monday morning he desired to return home but still being too ill to walk, he was carried to the station by Mr. Chilcote and his brother-in-law, Elzie Fessler.

—William Chilcote is at his home on Callowhill street suffering from sprains and bruises of the left leg which were received Thursday night while employed in the quarry of the Pittsburg White Sand Company. He was undermining a body of compact sand when it suddenly dropped, pining him against a truck that stood at his side. Other workmen released him by rolling the truck from the track. He was taken to his home on one of the mules used about the quarry and at this writing is recovering the use of the limb.

Ake—O'Connor Nuptials.

The marriage of Miss Martha D. O'Connor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Connor, and the Rev. J. Howard Ake, pastor of the Mapleton M. E. Church, last Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, was one of the events of the past week, and brought together a company of relatives and friends for the occasion who formed a merry party. The time set for the marriage ceremony was ten o'clock a. m. The bridal party consisting of the bride and bridegroom, with Miss Georgia Dell, a cousin of the bride, acting as bride's maid, and Mr. Harry Roller, of Williamsburg, a youth-time friend of the groom, serving as best man, started from the second floor as the clock announced the important hour, marching to the sweet strains of the wedding march from Wagner's Tannhauser, and the scene was one of an ideal wedding procession. The bride attired in pearl white messaline satin beautifully trimmed in lace, with a veil of silk mull to match the shade of her gown, and orange blossoms forming a crown for her brunette locks, made a picture which will not soon be effaced from the memory of those who witnessed the solemn ceremony. Miss Dell was very becomingly costumed in pink silk mull trimmed in white lace, and the contrast made between her appearanee and that of the bride-elect was most pleasing and attractive. The gentlemen wore black and of course looked just right.

The Rev. Dr. W. W. Evans, District Superintendent of the Juniata Valley Methodist Episcopal conference, awaited the party as they entered the parlor and pronounced the ceremony which united the futures of these two estimable young people. A canopy of Crow foot, or ground pine, a beautiful mountain production of this section, was formed from which was suspended a wedding bell of white chrysanthemums under which the bridal party stood. The balance of the room also was decorated with these handsome blossoms. After the ceremony was over and the friends had congratulated the young couple, a wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom with their attendants were seated at a table in the room where they had been made man and wife; also the parents of both the contracting parties, and the grandfathers of the bride, Mr. Benjamin O'Connor and Mr. John S. Henderson, with the officiating minister and an old friend of the groom, Mr. W. Lee Woodcock, of Altoona, were likewise seated at tables, the balance of the guests being made comfortable in other parts of the house and were served with lap refreshments on trays. Mrs. J. S. Hicks attended to the wants of the bridal party and their immediate friends and Miss Mabel Wilson, of Philipsburg, and Miss Helen Ward, of Pennsylvania Furnace, catered to the balance of the guests' needs. Mrs. J. G. Spangler presided at the coffee urn while Mrs. Harriet Wood and Mrs. J. G. Hicks looked after the more substantial edibles. The table on which the fruits and cakes were grouped for convenience was most artistically drapped with smilax and chrysanthemums, a canopy of smilax being suspended over the table with white ribbons extending to each corner of the table, a centre floral decoration reaching almost to the suspended canopy formed a beautiful decoration. After all had been bountifully regaled with the good things provided for the occasion, social chat and pleasantry was indulged in by all until time for the bridal party to leave for their first trip as man and wife. They lingered as long as possible in-doors, as the indications were not so inviting out-side, for the young friends were well supplied with amunition in the way of rice and confetta paper. Day express time came and they had to face the music which they did in a becoming manner, much to the amusement of all in attendance as well as the travelers on the train, who seemed to enter into the joy of the occasion. The conductor getting off to assist the bridal party to escape was also well riced, which did not seem to annoy him at all. Mr. and Mrs. Ake will spend a week in Washington and also visit the home of the groom for a few days when they will be at home to their friends at the Clairndon.

Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ake and daughter, Mrs. Anna Stone, of Williamsburg, parents and sister of the groom; Rev. Dr. W. W Evans, of Huntingnon, the officiating clergyman; W. Lee Woodcock, of Altoona; W. S. Miller and wife, of Shirleysburg; Miss Helen Ward, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Miss Laura Gregory, of Petersburg; Miss Edith Picken, of Catawissa; Miss Esther Campbell, of State College; Miss Mable Wilson, of Philipsburg; Mr. Don Devor, of Chambersburg; Harry Roller, of Wlihamsburg. Guests from town were Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Roy O'Connor, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Spangler, Mrs. Harriet Wood, J. G. Hicks and wife, Mrs. J. S. Hicks, Newton McCarl, Mr. and Mrs. Landis Himes, Miss Margaret Henderson, Mr. Jno. S. Henderson, Ray Wagner, Samuel Henderson and family, with Mr. Benj. O'Connor and the Misses Emeline and Georgiana Thayer. To the latter ladies belong the honor of the management of this very enjoyable occasion, which the many friends of the bride and groom will long hold in memory as one of the pleasant things of the past. The remembrances which the newly-wedded couple received from their admiring friends, came from a dozen different states of the Union, and were all of a substantial character being comprised of china, linen, cut glass and silverware, the most conspicuous of the latter being a beautiful silver tea service, the gift of Mr. Benj. O'Connor and the Misses Thayer. Another unique and valuable present was a Bible that has been in the family of a great uncle of the groom, whose home is in Cedartown, Ga., for forty three years, the owner being a son of Jacob Ake who laid out the town site of Williamsburg in the year 1790, the Bible having been purchased in 1865 while the former owner was a resident of Washington, D. C., and an employe of the United States Postoffice department. The bridal day was in all respecss one that would bring joy to the hearts of all who wish fine weather for this momentous time of a young woman's life, and all present hoped that as the sun shone brightly on the bride's day, so might the whole life of the pair be filled with the sunshine of love and joy that can only be found when love rules the home life.

James Fay.

James Fay, an Englishman who has been employed in the quarries about Mapleton for the past four years, died at the home of Michael Brumbaugh at 4.40 o'clock this morning, of uræmia, aged about 50 years. The deceased had been living for a couple years in a shanty on the premises of George Wharton south of the borough line until a few weeks ago when he moved to similar quarters on the lot of Mrs. Ellen McDonald on Callowhill street. Here he became ill several days ago and took his bed. Dr. Spangler being in attendance, yesterday at noon had him removed to the home of Michael Brumbaugh where he could be cared for until arrangements could be made to have him taken to the county home. His condition grew worse and he died at the time stated. The deceased was of quiet, mannerly disposition and lived peaceably with the people of the community. Those who were about him most could learn but little of his relatives, other than his parents reside in England and that two sisters, Mrs. Alice Gallagher, and the other whose name is not known to persons here, live at Braddock or Wilkinsburg, this state.

The remains were taken in charge by Director of the Poor J. Q. Dell who had them prepared for burial by Undertakers Stubbs & Hooper. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body interred in the U. B. cemetery at Mapleton.

Mrs. Margared McDonald.

Mrs. Margaret McDonald, widow of the late James E. McDonald of Mapleton, died at her home in Wilkinsburg Tuesday, November 24, 1908, of gall stones after a brief illness.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Philip and Mary Hooper, of Mapleton, and was aged 50 years and 2 months.

In November 1877, she was united in marriage to James E. McDonald at Mount Union. Mr, McDonald died at Mapleton August 19, 1896. The following children survive: Albert McDonald and Mrs. Pearl Rolling, of Altoona; Philip and Miss Goldie, of Wilkinsburg. Mrs. McDonald is also survived by one brother, E. O. Hooper, of Henderson township, and three sisters, the latter being Mrs. Jennie Templeton, Altoona; Mrs. Fietta Clemens, Hollidaysburg; and Mrs. Orie Ramsey, of near Duncansville.

The remains were brought to Mapleton Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held in the U. B. church, conducted by Rev. G. R. Alban, after which interment was made in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. Crownover.

Mrs. Mary Ann Crownover, widow of the late Jno. C. Crownover, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Gorsuch, in Henderson township, on Friday night, November 22, 1908, at 11.40 o'clock, of dropsy, after an illness of eight months, in her 85th year. Mrs. Crownover's maiden name was Collabine. She is survived by eight children: Mrs. E. S. Gorsuch, William Crownover, of Mill Creek, Daniel, of Henderson township; T. S., of Miller township; James C., of Oneida township, Mrs. Mary J. Smiley, of Nebraska; C. R. Crownover, of California; Mrs. Lucy Mateer, Barree township. The funeral occurred at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Millington. Interment at Cornpropst Mills.

The Ingenuity of Inventors.

The ingenuity of inventors and manufacturers is ever at work in the endeavor to reduce the expense of production, and at the same time to improve the quality of articles having a large sale. This has been so in the case of farm machinery, clothing, shoes, bicycles, etc., and now it is apparent in the safety razor field. Thousands of this style of razor have been sold at from $1.50 to $5 each and given satisfaction. Recently manufacturers have applied more scientific principles and improved methods in their manufacture, and the result is seen in the "Shrp Shavr" razor, which is sent postpaid for twenty-five cents in stamps by the Book Publishing House, 134 Leonard street, New York. It is superior to any razor sold, being bought largely by those already owning the highest priced razors. Not every one knows that the best results are obtained by having two or three razors and alternating them in use. This practice of alternating possibly accounts for the very large sale of this low priced implement is having in every section and among all classes of people.

News Before the Telegraph.

Before the advent of the telegraph news traveled slowly, and in times of war reports of victory or defeat were anxiously awaited and were at times long delayed. One writer, relating his own experience, tells us of the exhilarating scene in Glasgow when the mail coach arrived bearing the news of some great victory, such as the Battle of the Nile or the Battle of Waterloo.

"On such occasions," he says, "the horses were decorated with laurels and a red flag floated from the roof of the coach. The guard, dressed in scarlet, sounded his horn as they galloped through the echoing streets. Along Gallowgate they went with an ever increasing crowd till at the foot of Nelson street the coach pulled up, the guard discharged his blunderbuss into the air and communicated the news, which spread like wildfire."—Glasgow Times.

War on Bird Butchers.

The appeal of the National Association of Audubon Societies for funds with which to wage war on the bird butchers to the country should meet with hearty response, especially from the farmers, whose annual crop loss from injurious insects, the natural food of birds, is conservatively estimated at $800,000,000. In many States the laws against the killing of insectivorous birds are practically dead letters, particularly in the Far South, where thousands upon thousands of these birds are slaughtered by pothunters in the winter months and shipped North to tickle ignorant palates under the names of reed and rare game birds.—Washington Post.

Our Dumb Friends.

At the meeting of the S. P. C. A. some extracts from school children's essays were read. "Feed your horse with horse radish and horse chestnuts if you want your horse to grow," said one child. Another wrote: "If you are very kind indeed to your dog it may even follow you to your grave." A little girl wrote: "The Esquimau are very fond indeed of their reindeer; in fact, they love their reindeer sometimes more than their wives. But then, they are very useful to them."

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT.
Glow of Health Speaks For Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia.

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth.

"The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine).

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first, but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything.

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170, and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee.

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

SIGN OF RETURNING CONFIDENCE

—Season's cleverest cartoon by Davenport, in the New York Mail.

PROSPERITY WAVE FELT IN COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIES.

Railroads Plan Gigantic Improvements Costing Millions of Dollars---National Prosperity Association, Having No More Work to Do, Disbands.

The certain return of prosperity is eloquently indicated in items in the news of the past week.

From all over the country have come reports of the reopening of factories after ten months of cessation. Whirring machinery tells of the employment of thousands of men and women who have had nothing to do.

While only a short while ago mills were running on half time, to-day they are rushed with work and are giving employment to all who apply.

Railroads are feeling the Aladdin-like touch of prosperity and are planning to expend millions of dollars upon improvements. There has been a loosening up of the money market so that funds to carry on the gigantic projects contemplated are to be had readily.

Correspondents send in glowing reports of conditions in all the manufacturing centres. In the Northwest, the South, the East—everywhere there are signs of better times.

One positive evidence of the improvement in conditions is given in the disbandment of the National Prosperity Association, of St. Louis. Its chairman, E. C. Simmons, explained that now that prosperity is swiftly returning, there is no more work for the organization to do.

News of a Week That Shows Evidence of Better Times

Washington, D. C. — Reports received by the International Brotherhood of Operative Potters during the week indicated a general opening up of work everywhere in that industry. The force at the Riverside Pottery at Wheeling, W. Va., has been greatly increased, and the firm is getting orders in a steady stream.

The Dresden Pottery is working at full force. The Klondike Pottery will have no slack time this winter, its employes having all they can do. The Sebring Pottery, at Sebring, O., has had the busiest November it has known in years. It is expected that the American China Company, of Toronto, will operate steadily to the year's end.

The Union Buffalo Cotton Mills, of Union, S. C., which is said to operate more looms than any other textile corporation in the South, received such a rush of orders that it will be obliged to run all of its three immense plants to their fullest capacity. This sets going 17,000 spindles and 800 looms, which were idle during the summer. The mills employ 2000 men and women.

The Fales & Jenks Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., employing 400 hands, began working on a fifty-five-hour-a-week schedule. The factory had been running on half time.

The Easton & Burnham Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., started its factory on full time, after running on short time during the summer. It employs 100 men.

Lumbermen of Tifton, Ga., report that all the mills are booked with enough orders to keep them going full tilt for three months. Some are declining orders until March 1.

The American Tobacco Company agreed to take seventy-five per cent. of the 60,000,000 pounds of tobacco of the Burley Leaf Tobacco Society. The deal involves $10,000,000.

After a shut-down of six months, the Illinois Steel Company reopened four of its plants at South Chicago, 700 men being put to work. Several additional furnaces, requiring 500 men, will be blown at once.

Prominent railroad men, including Donald G. Reid, of the Rock Island, and E. C. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and the United States Steel Corporation started the organization of a $2,000,000 corporation to manufacture steel. Most of the bonds have been subscribed. The works will be located near Gary, Ind.

Contracts were awarded by the Crescent Steel and Wire Company to construct a new plant at New Cumberstown, Ohio.

The United States Steel Corporation decided to erect a $3,000,000 plant at Monessen, Pa., in the Monongahela Valley.

The Schoen Steel Company, of Pittsburg, announced that it would take on 300 more men and spend $1,500,000 in improvements.

The National Tube Works, of McKeesport, Pa., placed its plant on full time.

The Westinghouse Electric Company put all its departments on full time.

The Republic Iron and Steel Company, of Pittsburg, ordered every one of its furnaces run to full capacity.

Every spindle in the cotton mills of Midham and New London counties, Conn., has been started up, and the mills are rushed with orders.

The American Woolen Company's mills at Moosup, Conn., are preparing to run full time, after a bad period in which less than half time was worked.

The Michigan Lake Superior Power Company, of Chicago, which suspended because of the financial conditions, started to reorganize, and it is expected to resume within a few weeks.

Mills of the International Paper Company, at Berlin, N. H., idle for three months, reopened with a reduced force.

J. D. Farrell, of Seattle, Wash., representative of E. H. Harriman, in the Pacific Northwest, has been called to New York. Financiers and contractors say that railroad construction work on a scale heretofore unknown is about to be inaugurated in the Pacific Northwest. The North Coast, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Harriman system are the three factors in the spending of millions for a dominant position in Puget Sound and Northwest Coast.

Officials of the Lackawanna Railroad announced that improvements costing $25,000,000 will be begun soon. Plans have been drawn for the extension of the road to Chicago. The electrification of the suburban lines is contemplated.

Generally, the shipment of currency, gold and silver to financial institutions in rural districts begins to decline in November, in accord with the slackening of trade and the receipt of money from abroad on grain and cotton exportations. But confidential reports of the St. Louis reserve agents show that the shipments to all centres in the South and West are almost as large as last month. To the growing trade and invigorating industry is attributed the activity.

Conditions in the whole South show remarkable improvement.

HANGED THREE BROTHERS

Wculdn't Wait For Court, so Trial is Held at Once.

Victims Were Ed, Marshall and Jim Stinebach, Negroes, Who Killed Deputy Sheriff Richard Burruss.

Union City, Tenn. — Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot Lake, which recently has been the scene of many stirring incidents, witnessed the "legalized" lynching of three brothers who were arrested for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burruss and wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff, last Saturday.

The negroes lynched were brothers, Marshall, Edward and James Stineback. They created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville on Saturday night. When Burruss and Hall attempted to arrest them the negroes shot the officers and escaped. It was barely daylight on Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and surrounding towns were in pursuit of the negroes, but the trio eluded the pursuers until morning, when they were surrounded and captured in a swamp near Ridgely. The negroes, covered by a hundred guns, were quickly placed in jail at Tiptonville. When arrested they had two guns, but were out of ammunition.

The news of the capture spread rapidly, and in addition to the several hundred captors men began arriving by every road. Soon the jail was surrounded by a mob, which had no hesitancy in threatening a lynching at once in broad daylight.

One of the few citizens to mount the steps of the jail and to appeal to the mob to desist was J. L. Burnette, a lawyer, who recalled the recent night rider outrages which disgraced the region. He begged his hearers to let the law take its course, promising that full justice would be done the three black men. This met with a long growl of disapproval, and Mr. Burnette, evidently seeing that his remarks were of no avail, pleaded with the men, if they were determined to lynch the negroes, to wait until nightfall.

As a last resort S. J. Caldwell and Sheriff Haynes went before Justice Lee Davis and explained the situation. Justice Davis at once agreed to open court at 5 o'clock, "summon a jury" and allow the negroes, after "all available evidence" was heard, to be "duly sentenced to death."

Meantime Governor Patterson was advised by telephone of the situation, and he ordered a company of militia to proceed from Union City with all haste to Tiptonville, seize the three negroes and conduct them to a place of safety. The troops started at once, but failed to arrive in time to prevent the lynching.

KILLED BY FRIGHT AT MOUSE.

New Jersey Girl Dies When Cat Brings in Trophy of the Chase.

Florence, N. J.—Miss Mary Labella Mead died suddenly from fright at the sight of a mouse.

She arose from the piano and went into the kitchen. The cat was bringing in a mouse. Miss Mead shrieked, "Don't bring that mouse in here!" and leaned over to draw her skirts closer about her. Suddenly she straightened up and told her mother that she felt a pain in her heart. In less than a minute she was dead.

The attending physician said the girl had succumbed to valvular heart trouble, her death being hastened by fright.

"SPIRIT FRUIT" HEAD DIES.

Formality of Marriage Said to Be Dispensed With—Followers Prosper.

Chicago. — "Father Jacob" Beilhart, known as the head of the "Spirit Fruit" movement at Wooster Lake, and the founder of half a dozen colonies over the country, where it is said the formality of a marriage service is dispensed with, died at the colony at the lake. It is called "Spirit Fruit Farm," and has twelve inmates. The colony owns 300 acres of well tilled land. His death followed an operation for appendicitis.

CARNEGIE TO BE CALLED

To Tell Ways and Means Committee His Views on the Tariff.

Washington, D. C.—It is the intention of the Ways and Means Committee to summon Andrew Carnegie to give his views on the tariff.

The committee was moved to take action, it is said, by Mr. Carnegie's magazine article favoring the abandonment of the protective principle in its application to the steel industry.

High protectionist members of the committee will be in a mood to give the Laird of Skibo a hazing.

J. D. Rockefeller Promises $150,000.

At the Texas Baptist General Convention in Fort Worth $10,000 of the necessary $300,000 was raised in an hour for the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas. C. C. Slaughter, of Dallas, contributed $50,000. It is announced that John D. Rockefeller has promised to contribute the remaining $150,000.

Heavy Fine For Jap Poachers.

Judge Reed, of Alaska, has fined the members of the crew of the Japanese sealer Kinsai Maru $35,400 for seal poaching, or $300 for every man convicted. The Japanese will appeal.

HEALTH VERY POOR--- RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

Catarrh Twenty-five Years--- Had a Bad Cough.

Miss Sophia Kittlesen, Evanston, Ill., writes:

"I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help.

"Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did.

"My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough.

"Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved.

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

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Man-a-lin the Ideal Laxative.

Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

Hartford Bridge.

Hartford Bridge is one of the best illustrations of the new American spirit that is building public works in monumental fashion, to live and last the centuries. It is a solid, sober structure of granite, with nine span arches and 1200 feet in length. It carries an eighty-foot highway, which is the great artery of Connecticut, connecting the two busy portions of the State divided by the river which gives it its name.

There has been a Hartford bridge since 1808, and it has always been a busy bridge. It has had to be a stout one, for in the spring the usually mild Connecticut is a vicious stream, bringing down thousands of tons of broken ice and crashing it as if in rage against Hartford bridge. Captain Isaac Damon, of Northampton, Mass., who was the boss bridge builder of New England, built the original bridge, and he built it of hewn pine of a sort that is priceless to-day, pegged together in wonderful fashion. The river could never destroy his bridge. Fire did. But fire can never destroy the new Hartford bridge.

In connection with the building of the bridge, Hartford has taken the opportunity to clean up her rather slovenly river front, and, public enterprise co-operating with private, she has created a park and boulevard approach to her great enterprise. The water fronts of our American towns are disgraceful in almost every instance. Hartford, which blazed a path a half century ago, toward city parks, is blazing a new path to-day in the creation of a water front that shall typify and not disgrace the dignity and beauty of the city.—Harper's Weekly.

Aid For Horses.

The worn-out and attenuated cab horse, which has so often been the butt of the comic writer, will soon be an unknown quantity in the streets of Paris. A society known as the "Assistance aux Animauz" has just formed a "horse committee," which, working with the proprietors and drivers' societies, seeks to provide Paris with cabs drawn only by horses in a perfect state of fitness, and driven by men who have given every proof of their competence and intelligence. A staff of inspectors will be employed to watch at the gates of the cabyards every morning and demand the immediate return to the stables of any animal which seems in an unfit state.

Beech Lumber.

Beech lumber has the lowest market value of any American wood. Lumbermen pay $4 a thousand feet as against $35 for oak. It is useful in the mines for ties, posts, stringers and rails and in buildings for studding, rafters, joists, etc., and should be used at home, reserving more valuable trees for important use and for sale.—Arboriculture.

LATEST NEWS

BY WIRE.

Student Drowned in Lake.

Orono, Me.—James F. Aldrich, of Little Falls, N. Y., a freshman of the University of Maine, was drowned in Pushaw Lake.

Girl Shot Dead by Friend.

Sherman, Texas. — Miss Louise Gates, prominent in society in this city, was accidentally shot to death with a target rifle in the hands of a girl companion, Miss Gladys Ely.

Colonel H. C. Paige Dead.

Bayonne, N. J.—Colonel Harry C. Page, one of the oldest newspaper men in New Jersey, died at his home here, in his seventy-fifth year. He was owner and editor of the Bayonne Herald. He was born in Troy, N. Y.

Blow Proves Fatal.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Michael Surak, commonly called "Crooked Leg Mike," died in the hospital here from the effects of a blow from a heavy stick received by him in a quarrel. Surak's skull was fractured.

To Thank Uncle Sam.

San Francisco, Cal. — Tang Shao Yi, the Chinese Commissioner, who brings to America the thanks of his Government for its remittance of the Boxer indemnity, left this city for Washington, accompanied by Prince Tsai Fu and the fifty attaches and students who accompanied them from Pekin.

Charles E. Jinkins Found Dead.

Chicago, Ill.—Charles E. Jinkins, a publisher, of Philadelphia, was found dead from heart disease in his room in the Kaiserhof Hotel.

Wireless Heard Over 6000 Miles?

San Francisco. Cal. — A wireless station in this city reported having overheard code messages from some station in Japan. A Honolulu wireless station is said to have heard the same messages. The Japanese station is over 6000 miles from this city.

Clear Texas Ports of Rats.

Galveston, Tex.—The State Board of Health has served notice that every port in the State will be closed unless cleared of rats, through which pest the entrance of bubonic plague is feared.

Drops Dead at Ringside.

San Francisco, Cal.—Martin Carter, of Irvington, Cal., dropped dead at the ringside of the Ketchel-Papke fight here when Ketchel knocked Papke out. Carter was the proprietor of the famous Nutwood Stock Farm near Irvington, which has turned out many of the world's famous trotters.

Married Sixty-seven Years.

Springfield, Mass.—Mr. and Mrs. David F. Ashley celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary with a family dinner. At the time of their marriage Mr. Ashley was twenty-seven and Mrs. Ashley seventeen years old.

Virginia University Gift.

Charlotteville, Va. — An unconditional gift of $50,000 to the endowment fund of the University of Virginia has been made by Colonel Oliver H. Payne, of New York City.

BY CABLE.

Jap Boycott Riot.

Hongkong, China.—There has been further rioting in the anti-Japanese boycott, and more serious outbreaks, followed with some loss of life. Several Chinese merchants dealing in Japanese products were mutilated, some having their ears cut off.

Carnegie Africa Survey.

Cape Town, South Africa.—Professors Beatie and Morrison, who have been commissioned by the Carnegie Institute at Washington, D. C., to undertake a magnetic survey across Africa, from Cape Town to Cairo, have begun the work.

Brazilian House Votes Coffee Loan.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.—The Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 97 to 20, adopted the bill providing a Federal guarantee for the Sao Paulo coffee loan of $75,000,000.

Anna Peck Cuts Artery.

Lima, Peru.—Stepping on a nail in the street here Miss Anna S. Peck severed an artery in her foot and lost a large quantity of blood. Her injury, while inconvenient and painful, is not considered dangerous. The distinguished mountain climber, whose home is in Brooklyn, N. Y., was here to make another ascent of Mounta Huascan.

Abruzzi to Climb the Alps.

Turin, Italy. — The Duke of the Abruzzi left here incognito for the Alps. It seems to be his intention to do some Alpine climbing, as he ordered the famous guide, Petigax, to join him.

American Warships to China.

Manila, P. I.—Rear-Admiral Harber has received requests from Consul-General Denby, at Shanghai, to send at once the gunboats usually stationed in the Yang-tse-Kiang. The Helena will protect American interests there.

IN THE MARKETS

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 4c. per quart.

BUTTER.

Creamery—Western, extra	$ 30	@$	31½
Firsts	26	@	29
Seconds	23	@	25
State dairy, good to choice	25	@	27
Factory, seconds to firsts	19	@	20

BEANS.

Marrow, 1908, choice	2 47½	@	2 50
Medium, 1908, choice	2 30	@	2 32½
Red kidney, 1908, choice	2 42½	@	2 45
Yellow eye, 1908, choice	2 90	@	3 00
Pea, 1908, choice	2 30	@	2 32½
Black turtle soup, choice	1 95	@	2 00
Lima, Cal	3 10	@	3 12½

CHEESE.

State, full cream	14	@	15
Small	13¾	@	14
Part skims, fair to good	7¼	@	7½
Full skims	2	@	3

EGGS.

Jersey—Fancy	48	@	50
State—Fair to choice	35	@	45
Western—Firsts	33	@	34

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples—King, per bbl	2 50	@	4 25
Ben Davis, per bbl	2 25	@	3 00
Greenings, per bbl	2 00	@	3 75
Pears—Keiffer, per bbl	1 00	@	3 50
Grapes—Concord, per basket	12	@	16
Catawba, per basket	12	@	16
Niagara, per basket	10	@	12
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	7 00	@	12 00
Jersey, per crate	2 25	@	2 75

LIVE POULTRY.

Spring chickens, per lb	—	@	11½
Fowls, per lb	—	@	11½
Roosters, per lb	—	@	7½
Turkeys, per lb	10	@	14
Ducks, per lb	11	@	12
Geese, per lb	10	@	10½
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	20

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb	14	@	21
Broilers, Phila., per lb	—	@	22
Fowls, per lb	10	@	14
Cocks, per lb	—	@	8½
Ducks, Western, per lb	8	@	15
Geese, Western, per lb	6	@	13
Squabs, per dozen	75	@	3 75

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, prime, per 100 lb	—	@	85
Nos. 3 to 1, per 100 lb	65	@	82½
Clover, per 100 lb	50	@	70
Straw, long rye, per 100 lb	80	@	95

HOPS.

State, 1908, prime to choice	13	@	14½
Medium to good	10	@	12
Pacific Coast, 1908, choice	—	@	11
Medium to good, 1907	4	@	7

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	2 75	@	3 00
Jersey, per bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Sweets, per basket	50	@	1 25
Tomatoes, per box	—	@	1 50
Egg plant, per box	2 00	@	4 00
Squash, per bbl	50	@	1 12
Peas, per basket	1 00	@	3 50
Peppers, per bbl	50	@	1 00
Cabbages, per 100	3 00	@	6 00
String beans, per basket	1 50	@	4 00
Onions, L. I., per bbl	1 25	@	1 75
Orange Co., red, per bag	1 00	@	1 50
Jersey, red, per bbl	1 25	@	1 62
Beets, per bbl	75	@	1 00
Carrots, per bbl	60	@	1 25
Spinach, per bbl	85	@	1 25
Cucumbers, per basket	1 00	@	2 50
Lima beans, per basket	1 00	@	3 50
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 00	@	4 50
Lettuce, per basket	40	@	1 00
Celery, per doz. stalks	15	@	50
Pumpkins, per bbl	50	@	1 00
Turnips, white, per bbl	50	@	1 00
Brussels sprouts, per qt	6	@	12
Parsnips, per bbl	75	@	1 12
Watercress, per 100 bunches	1 50	@	2 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Flour—Winter patents	4 75	@	5 15
Spring patents	5 40	@	6 50
Wheat, No. 2 red	1 10⅞	@	1 12⅛
No. 1 Northern Duluth	—	@	1 16
Corn, No. 2	71½	@	72
Oats, mixed	53½	@	54
Clipped white	55½	@	61
Rye, No. 2 Western	—	@	83
Lard, city	—	@	9¼

GAME.

Quail, per doz	—	@	3 50
Woodcock, per pair	1 25	@	1 50
Plover, per doz	3 00	@	3 50
Partridges, per pair	—	@	3 50
Wild Ducks—Canvas, pair	2 00	@	2 50
Mallard, per pair	1 25	@	1 50
Ruddy, per pair	75	@	1 10
Rabbits, per pair	20	@	25
Jack rabbits, per pair	65	@	75

LIVE STOCK.

Beeves, city dressed	7½	@	10¾
Calves, city dressed	7½	@	14
Country dressed	6	@	12
Sheep, per 100 lb	2 50	@	4 00
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 00	@	6 50
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	5 15	@	6 10
Country dressed, per lb	5	@	7½

BUSINESS RECOVERY ASSURED.

Prosperity in the Farming Sections Exerts a Potent Influence.

Boston, Mass.—Evidence of trade conditions at the week-end is distinctly favorable. Momentary setbacks in the movement of merchandise are inevitable in every process of business revival; there are indications that unseasonably warm weather has been the cause of a slight check in the distribution of goods for the winter season, and holding back of cotton in the South pending better prices is said to have contributed to a slight cessation of buying and some irregularity in mercantile collections in that section. Yet bank clearings in one week are impressive in their comparison with the figures of a year ago—$3,411,000,000 against $2,225,000,000, or an increase of over fifty-three per cent., including the New York clearings. That the prosperity of the farming section is bound to exert a potent influence in legitimate recovery, every intelligent business man agrees. Occasionally one hears that an enormous export trade in grain, as a result of Europe's crop shortages, will place this country in control of the foreign exchanges and of European capital, and will introduce a boom on the financial markets, resembling 1879 and 1897.

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Persimmons and Chestnuts Plentiful.

Although they are slow in ripening, persimmons and chestnuts are more plentiful in Indiana than in recent years.

Madrid's Trying Climates.

Queen Victoria's complaint against the terrible summer heat and equally trying winter cold of Madrid, the Spanish capital, precipitates the question of the advisability of moving the government to Barcelona. Madrid is situated unfavorably from almost any standpoint. The surrounding plateau is treeless, exposing the city to the scorching south winds in summer and the frigid breezes that descend from the snow-covered Sierra Guadrarama in winter. In contrast with this uncomfortable situation Barcelona's equable climate, due in large part to her position on the Mediterranean, appeals strongly to the Spanish lover of ease. Barcelona has long been the commercial centre of Spain.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

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Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

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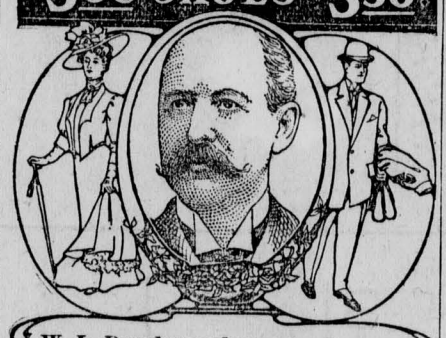

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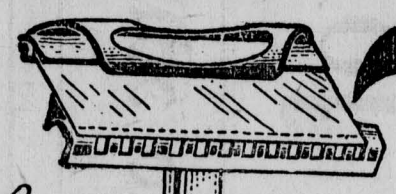

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Lot of Ladies fine shoes $2.25 valurs, Broker's price 98c.

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$2.50 Ladies fine shoes, $1.47.

LOT NO. 17
$3.00 Ladies shoes, Pat, Leather, Kid and Gun Metal, Broker's price $1.89.

LOT NO. 18
$1.50 value Misses and Children's shoes, 79c.

SPECIAL EXTRA

$3.50 value Men's Combination Felt and Rubber heavy rolled edge, with heel, Brokers price $1.89.

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LOT NO. 24
$8.50 value Ladies' long Coats, elegantly tailored, Brokers price $3.95
$12.00 value Ladies' long Coats, Black and Ton Braid trimmed, Brokers price $5.85

LOT NO. 25
$3.50 value Children's Coats, Brokers price $1.39
$5.00 value Children's Coats Brokers price $2.23
SPECIAL EXTRA, lot of Children's Coats on sale at only 98c

LADIES SKIRTS

LOT NO. 26
$2.50 value Ladies fine skirts, Brokers price 98c
$3.50 value Ladies fine skirts, Brokers price $1.67
$6.00 value Ladies Panama skirts, Brokers price $3.59

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LOT NO. 19
Lot of Mens strong shoes. $2.25 value Brokers price 98c.

LOT NO. 20
$2.50 Mens Shoes, Brokers price $1.47

LOT NO. 21
$3.50 value Mens shoes, Patent Leather and Gun Metal Calf, Brokers price $1.89

LOT NO. 22
$1.75 value Boys shoes, Brokers price 97c.

SPECIAL EXTRA

60c Ladies rubbers 29c
$2.50 value Ladies, Combination Rubber and Felts at $1.39

MENS FURNISHING BARGAINS

LOT NO. 23
12c value Mens Hose 7c pair
15c value Mens Fancy Hose 8c pair
20c value Mens Wool Hose 9c pair
25c Mens suspenders 12c pair
15c value Boys suspenders 7c pair
10c Mens Handkerchiefs each 4c
35c Mens Neckties 17c
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$2.00 Mens wool top shirts 98c
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20 & 25-cent values Children's Fleecelined underwear at 9 CENTS.

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LOT NO. 5
8.00 value Men's and Youths Suits, Brokers price 2.95.

LOT NO. 6
10.00 value, Men's Suits Worsted and Cassimeres, Brokers price 4.95.

LOT NO. 7
12.00 value, Men's Suits, Cheviots and Worsteds, Brokers price 6.24.

LOT NO. 8
15.00 value Men's Suits, elegantly tailored and lined, quality material, Brokers price 7.45.

LOT NO. 9
2.00 value Boys' School Suits, Brokers price 95c.

LOT NO. 10
3.00 value Boys' Suits, at 1.69.

Men's And Boys' Overcoats And Cravenetts.

Lot No. 11
10.00 value Men's Overcoats, Brokers price 4.95.
15.00 value Men's Overcoats, Brokers price 7.49.

Lot No. 12
2.50 values Boys' Overcoats, Brokers price 1.15
18.00 values Men's Cravenettes, on sale at 9.98.

MEN'S PANTS.

Lot No. 13
1.50 value Men's Pants at 97c.
2.50 value Men's Pants at 1.69c.
4.00 value Men's Pants at 2.79.

Men's Hats

Lot No. 14
2.00 value Men's Hats at 97c.
3.00 value Men's Hats at 1.67.

Lot of Ladies' waists, fine Lawns and Percales 75c value at 29c.

35c Corset Covers at 21c.

Towels at each 3c.

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A lot of fine LACES, short lengths, at per yd. 1c. Sold by piece only.

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LOT NO. 3

5000 yds. of remnants and mill-ends on sale until sold, lot consists of Fine prints, Ginghams, Flannelettes, Lawns, Ribbons, Dress Goods, etc., sold as marked by the piece.

Remnants of Apron Gingham, 5 yds. for only 19c. Think of it, 3 7-8c a yard.

~~Remnants of Calicos, pieces of 10 yds., for only 47c.~~

Remnants of Ribbons, at per yd. only 4 1-2c. 8 and 10 cent value.

Remnants of Flannelette, 10c value at only 4c yard.

Remnants of Fancy Wool Suiting 50c value at only 19c yd.

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50 & 75c Men's Fleecelined underwear, Goldman & Co. price **33c.**

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35c Ladies, Fleecelined underwear at only **18c.**

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The Mapleton Item

MAPLETON DEPOT, PA.

The New York Herald says, on the authority of Louis Martin, that New York "is at the head of the whole world as a city of great hotels."

The torpedo boats have had torpedo boat destroyers to smash them, and now the torpedoes have nets to render them harmless. What's the use, demands the Boston Transcript.

There's nothing can worry a woman, explains the New York Press, like having children to be anxious for except not being able to be anxious for them because she hasn't got them.

To search out tuberculosis in every home in the land, proclaims the Christian Register, and then to teach the people what to do about it, is the beneficent task which some good men and women have set for themselves.

Says the New York Herald: A Chicago church has engaged a physician, a lawyer and a staff of trained assistants and has started daily "comfort meetings" for the benefit of all who need comforting—spiritual, medical, financial or legal. There's a combination that looks as if it ought to attract congregations large enough to satisfy any up to date pastor.

Hotel keepers expect their patrons to be hard to suit, admits the New Haven Register. But it is unlikely that a certain prominent hostelry in London anticipated the kick which a patron makes in public because it failed to supply a copy of Burke's Peerage at his call. There is still an unfilled hotel want in New York City. It involves a hotel with separate padded cells for kickers and snobs.

"China's constitution is on the way, affirms the Boston Advertiser, and with Oriental exactness the program for years ahead is carefully lined out. It will be taken up step by step, and the only danger is that a sudden revolution may interfere with the orderly prosecution of the plans. But constitutional government must come in China, in nine years or more, or less. It is the irrestible movement of modern times. The whole east is awake.

A special school for policemen has been opened in Barcelona, and instruction will be given in photography, measurements of the human form for purposes of identification, gymnastics and the languages of France, England, Italy and Germany, as well as in practical police work. The advantages of the institution are to be extended to only 50 men at a time, but the addition to the force, at intervals of a year or two, of even that number of officers having unusual qualifications will materially raise the standard of service.

"There should be cooking classes in the boys' high school instead of the girls' school," was the terrifying declaration made by Dr. Robert Thompson at a recent mothers' meeting in Philadelphia, observes the New York Sun. Women, he asserted, are not physically fitted to struggle with the skillet and frying pan. The men of the family shrould prepare the meals. It does seem hard after a day's work that a man instead of sitting down to a dyspepsia breeding meal or a blissful domestic banquet—as may be the case; either one may occur—must peel off his coat and start in frying steak with onions or else fabricate a ragout a la yesterday. Will he do it? Will he work double tides; cook the breakfast, prepare a dainty luncheon—before leaving the house for his daily vocation—and will he walk the floor at night with the collicky heir of his home? And what will his wife be at while he pares potatoes and reads in frantic haste that he must salt roast beef during its stay in the oven? Of course she will be running the political affairs of the nation; for when husbands cook, wives will hold high office. But did the worthy Philadelphia physician tell his audience that the best cooks have been and still are men? His other statement that the profession of medicine and surgery should belong "almost entirely to women," will be hailed by some persons

words of wisdom.

THE UNKINDEST CUT.

Men have borne the news of troubles
  Such as ruin, with a grin,
They've been brave and never faltered
  In a battle's roaring din,
But to some there comes a moment
  When they're knocked completely flat,
This is when some kind friend chuckles:
  "Say, old man, you're getting fat!"

Many a steady heart has faltered
  As the mirror showed his hair,
Streaked with gray about the temples,
  Or a bald spot spreading there;
Comfort, though, was quick in coming—
  He could hide it with his hat—
But this knocks a man a twister;
  "Bill, by George, you're getting fat!"

Old age comes, and we accept it,
  Though with secret, pained regret
Then, our inner self keeps saying
  That we're really not old yet,
But, O shades of flesh reducers,
  Fate deals her most stinging bat
When the old acquaintance giggles:
  "Say, old boy, you're getting fat!"

—Charles R. Barnes, in the New York Sun.

The Earthquake That Swallowed Nelse Walker.

Through the heart of the Coast Range, from San Luis Obispo to San Bernardino County, there lies a peculiar trench or ditch, a long mark of broken ground, as if some giant had scratched the earth with a sharp stick. It might pass for an old canal or trail, except that it extends over valley and mountain alike, northwest by southeast. In reality it is the path of an earthquake—the earthquake of January, 1857.

Although the mountains danced and the hills bowed together, no one was killed in that great shaking; yet there was one man—so tradition says—who stood in the path of the earthquake and felt its power.

This man was Nelse Walker, hunter for the stage-station at old Fort Tejon. Fort Tejon lay in a green valley of the Coast Range, forty miles south of the present city of Bakersfield, California, and there each day the overland stage from the Missouri River to San Diego and thence along the coast to San Francisco drew up for food and rest and fresh horses. It was the duty of Walker to keep the station supplied with fresh meat, no very arduous task in those days, for the mountains abounded in game.

On this day, however, search as he would, he could find neither deer nor bear. Stillness semed to smother the earth, and under its spell all animate nature became apprehensive. Rabbits and birds shifted about uneasily, and the wild cattle footed along their trails on the steep hillsides in absolute silence.

Five miles from the station Walker halted under an oak and gazed out over the little valley. A hush, such as comes during an eclipse of the sun or before some mighty storm, came upon him. The hunter was afraid. Yet of what?

There was a sudden bump under the soles of his feet, and he heard the oak leaves begin to rustle above him. Again there came a bumping at his feet, accompanied by a subterranean rumbling—deep and ominous.

A third time, and the rumbling deepened into a roar. Above him the broad oak tree lurched sharply to the right, and then back to the left. stones began to rattle down the hillsides, and clouds of dust rose from their fall at the foot of a neighboring cliff. The ground heaved beneath him once more, and with a bound he was in the open. For the first time he realized that he was in an earthquake.

Yet all this was but preliminary to the shocks to come. As he gazed about him in a nameless terror, the earth seemed to rise in waves and sweep toward him like the breakers of the sea.

B-r-r-upm! The earth heaved beneath his feet, and he fell to the ground, dizzy and sick. A deathly nausea seized him.

To his strained eyes the whole valley seemed swaying in huge waves. At each dip the great oaks bent over and brushed the ground, while above the roar and rumble of the earthquake came the crash of falling trees and the crunch of rolling boulders. Strangest of all, down the steep hillside above him, scuffling and tumbling, came flying numbers of wild cattle, shaken from their narrow trails, and shot bawling down the mountainside by the mighty subterranean blows of the earthquake.

All the world seemed wrecked, ruined, topsy-turvy, and Nelse Walker sprawled on the ground and closed his eyes. When the solid ground sways beneath a man, he is helpless beyond compare.

It has often been observed of earthquakes that they come in waves and in series of waves. Delicate instruments have been contrived which register these oscillations and mark their direction and intensity. Before each great shock there are a series of smaller shocks; before each great series there are often a number of preliminary shocks.

Sharp as had been the oscillations which threw Walker to the ground and tumbled the frightened cattle down the mountainside, the earthquake of 1857 had not yet attained its maximum intensity. Its victims were not to escape so soon. The grinding and rocking passed into a mere trembling, and Walker rose to his feet with a great sense of relief. But hardly had he picked up his gun when the earth began once more to sway and bump. There was a roar in the air like thunder, and down the valley he saw coming huge waves, before which the trees dipped suddenly and the stampeding cattle dropped as if shot.

The next moment there was a bump which threw him into the air, and a rending crash which made his heart stand still. Then with a wrench the solid earth parted, and a mighty draft of air sucked him like a leaf into the black abyss.

In a moment of great terror one acts in a purely instinctive way. As a drowning man clutches at a straw, so Nelse Walker, swept into the bosom of the earth by an almost inconceivable catastrophe, dropped his gun and clutched out wildly.

His hands encountered a tangle of roots—perhaps the roots of that same broad oak beneath which, but a few moments before, he had sat at his ease. At the touch he grappled with them desperately, while the sand-laden wind swept past him into the bowels of the earth.

In spite of the falling dirt and the tornado of wind which beat down upon him, Walker clung to his hold with the insane strength of a man who faces sudden death.

It was but a moment, but in that moment a great range of mountains was split in twain, split to a great depth. Of all the human beings in that land, one man was caught in the throe of nature, sucked into the gulf which yawned at that moment across three hundred miles of mountains. To that one man the moment seemed an age.

Deep into that crack swept the winds of heaven. It yawned its widest—and closed!

The inrush of air past Nelse Walker suddenly ceased; then, as the parted earth came together again, the air which had rushed in was as quickly expelled. If a mighty bellows, miles in length, had been suddenly closed from its uttermost, the effect could not have been more irresistible.

Like a leaf once more Nelse Walker was blown upward by the blast. His hands were torn from their clutch on the oak roots, and the next moment he was hurled past the mouth of the bottomless hole and shot out into the light of day.

How he came there he did not know, but when Nelse Walker recovered his his sense of locality, he was still clinging to a tangle of roots—yet on second thought he realized that they were not roots, but branches. He was in the top of a tree. About him the limbs were still rocking and waving, and smothered bumps still shook the tree, as if a mighty ax was being laid to its roots.

A faintness seized upon the man who had been the toy and sport of the lements. Realization of his predicament and of his escape rushed in upon him, and he nearly fell. He clambered feebly down the tree and dropped to the trembling earth in a faint.

The breath of the cool afternoon breeze awakened him, and he felt about instinctively for his gun. Then it came to him that his gun was far down in the bottom of the earth. He rose. Before him lay the long furrow of the earthquake, still smoking with the dust which rose from its new-cleft depths. Into this he had dropped, and from it he had been hurled like a feather.

Small wonder, then, that Nelse Walker was dazed, and wandered far before he reached the station at Fort Tejon. Nor was there much which was familiar there to bring him from his dream.

The adobe buildings of the stage-houses lay crumbled in ruins, branches strewed the ground, and frantic horses stampeded about in the corrals.

When the station-keeper heard Walker's story, he thought that fear had turned his head. Bpt a search for the lost gun on the following day brought him to the brink of that awful chasm which had swallowed it.

The erosion and floods of forty-seven years have done much to fill the great rift through the hills, so that now in places it serves for a road-bed or a trail through the heavy brush; but to the old settlers about Fort Tejon it is still the finger-mark of the earthquake that swallowed Nelse Walker.—Dane Coolidge in Youth's Companiion.

Two Burning Topics.

"There's two things I never worry about."

"And they are?"

"What might have happened if the baseball season had lasted a little longer; an' how things would go if the election wuz to be held to-day."
—Pittsburg Post.

The United States produces more corn than all the rest of the world.

SCIENCE

Tea is a germicide, according to a Boston physician, who claims it is an especially rank enemy of the typhoid bacillus.

The human heart weighs from eight to twelve ounces and through it passes 22 1-2 pounds of blood every minute or 11,680,000 pounds in one year.

The latest substitute for jute is paper. This, however, cannot stand water, so it is a failure so far, though the German manufacturers are confident this difficulty can be overcome.

Europe is growing colder, says M. Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer. He declares that from actual figures recently obtained he has become certain that the temperature of Europe has been falling.

The new telescope reflector of Professor Wood, of Johns Hopkins University, is a basin of mercury rotated by an electric motor, the concavity—and therefore the focus—varying with the speed. Vibration is the chief difficulty foreseen.

Machine embroidery in three or more colors without a change of needles is a possibility for which a consular report from Germany vouches. The achievement surpasses the work of "the auger which bored two holes at once." Besides, it is better authenticated.

In the course of a paper before the French Academy of Medicine Professor Grimbert recently stated that the Central Pharmacy, which dispenses supplies to the public institutions in Paris and the department of the Seine, annually furnished 12,000 leeches for use in the hospitals.

In view of the large number of deaths caused annually in Burma by snakebites it has been decided to distribute as widely as possible through the province the lancets designed by Sir Lauder Brunton for the treatment of snakebite with permanganate of potash, the efficacy of which, if the treatment is at once applied, is now established.

The New Watch.

The young graduate drew forth a fine gold watch.

"Please regulate this," he said.

"A graduation present, eh?" said the watchmaker. "Now listen, and I'll give you some pointers about how to keep this watch in fine condition:

"Wind it in the morning instead of at night.

"At least once a year have it oiled. Remember that its balance swings 18,000 times a year—all on one little drop of oil. A wheelbarrow wouldn't stand such treatment; it would shriek for lubrication; but the small voice of the watch cannot be heard.

"After mending or cleaning, examine your watch's screw-heads and frames. If they are scratched, the workman has been careless. He is a man to be avoided. Patronize him no more.

"Don't grumble if your mainspring breaks. This accident is due to some unknown condition of the weather. There are mainspring epidemics, like influenza ones. Just now such an epidemic is afoot, I have taken out sixty fractured mainsprings this week."
—Los Angeles Times.

Lesson From Nature.

"Young gentlemen," lectured the eminent instructor, "you are old enough now to put away the childish and trivial amusements that sufficed for you when you were younger. Learn a lesson from the dumb brutes, and even from the reptiles. When they arrive at maturity they comport themselves with a certain dignity."

"It isn't with the rattlesnake, professor," objected the young man with the bad eye. "The older he grows, the more rattles he plays with."—Chicago Tribune.

Lost Charm of the Wayside Inn.

The inns of England, celebrated by Harrison and famous far and wide at the beginning of the last century, have degenerated into sad places which we visit only of necessity. Little did Stephenson think, when he proposed the line from Manchester to Liverpool that he would ruin the wayside inns of England and kill the art of cookery.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Improved Opportunity.

The young man who went to work for $1 a day as farmhand for a young woman in Tyngsboro, Mass., worth $200,000, and in a year worked his way up to sub-boss and then husband of the heiress-farmeress, certainly shows an underlying streak of genius. —New London Day.

Japanese army officer students are allowed $1150 a year while learning the English language. Others get from $1000 to $1600 a year while learning Russian, $1050 for French, $950 for German and $700 for Chinese.

MINE EXPLOSION BURIES ONE HUNDRED MEN

Accident Near Pittsburg Followed Inspection of Model Workings.

VICTIMS BADLY MUTILATED

Great Buckets Filled With Dead Bodies Drawn Up From the Agnes and Rachael Shafts of Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company's Mine.

Marianna, Pa.—Great buckets filled with dead bodies, mutilated and dismembered, are being drawn up from the bowels of the Agnes and Rachael shafts of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company's mine, in which a terrific explosion entombed at least 138 miners. Identification is practically impossible, for of thirty-eight bodies, or what seem to be that number, recovered on the day after the disaster, severed heads, arms and legs are so mixed that there can be no absolute surety about a single feature or form.

Just one living man has been brought from the awful pit alive. He is Henry Arnold, a track layer, but so dazed and helpless is he that he cannot yet tell the awful tale of his escape from the explosion and suffocating fumes that followed.

By a strange fate, the one body that has been positively identified is that of John Iville, Jr., first cousin of John H. Jones, president of the coal company. He was a favorite with his millionaire kinsman, although employed in the comparatively humble task of timekeeping. He was aged twenty-three and was married only two weeks ago. Death came through suffocation, his body being the single exception in the way of mutilation.

The rescue of Arnold was dramatic. It was about 10 o'clock a. m. when a shout was heard at the mouth of the shaft that there was a living man below. There was a rush for the safety helmets, and with these and a stretcher a rescue party was lowered away in the bucket, the men buckling on the helmets as they descended.

It was nearly nalf an hour before the party reappeared with the form of a man who proved to be Arnold. He had been found on his feet in the mine, and when asked what he was doing there muttered that he was "just walking around."

After reaching the mouth of the mine he became unconscious, but revived slightly after he was carried on a stretcher to the nearby power house.

How he came to survive puzzles old miners. The fact encourages the hope that others are alive, but of this the most experienced express doubt.

Several times during the day it was said about the mouth of the shafts that another explosion was imminent. Each time there was a panic rush on the part of the crowd, while others hysterically shouted down the shafts to warn the rescuers.

Those who remained longest at the pit, despite these alarms were the wives, mothers, sisters and children of the entombed miners. Some wept, some screamed, some moaned and drew as near the edge as they dared, hoping and praying, as the big iron bucket came up, that it would bring the glad news of others rescued alive.

All day long the officials and employes of the company were unsparing in their efforts to search and bring to the surface every miner dead or alive who was known to have been at work when the explosion occurred.

Near young Iville's body another was found. The victim had placed his face in a pool of water, as all miners are advised to do when an explosion occurs, in the hope of escaping suffocation until rescued.

It is estimated that one-fourth of the victims were Americans.

Experts from Pennsylvania and West Virginia are in charge of the work of exploration, and they are being materially assisted by J. W. Paul and Clarence Hall, of the United States experimental and testing station.

HAVANA MILLIONAIRE SLAIN.

Tirso Mesa, a Sugar Planter, Shot Down on His Estate.

Havana, Cuba.—Tirso Mesa, a multi-millionaire and a member of the London Board of Directors of the United Railways of Havana, was shot and killed on his estate near Aguado de Pasajeros, Matanzas Province, by Ramon F. Victorio. Victorio is a local merchant, and it is supposed that the trouble arose through a business quarrel.

Mesa, who was a prominent sugar planter and the owner of much real estate in Havana, received five shots, causing instant death. His assailant was arrested.

Germany Resents Queries.

Germany regards as impudent the questions asked by our Consuls of her manufacturers in order to get data for the committee of Congress which is working toward tariff revision.

Reclaiming Barren Lands.

A syndicate plans to pipe New York City sewage to barren land in Suffolk County, L. I., and convert the land into farms.

Heavy Transportation Tax.

Experts of the Public Service Commission figured that each man, woman and child in New York City paid 317 nickels in 1907 to the street railroad companies.

MARYLAND QUARANTINED OWING TO CATTLE DISEASE

Federal Decree Stops Export of Live Stock From Baltimore.

UNITED STATES OUT $500,000

House-to-House Canvass in Western New York to Discover Any Cases Possibly Overlooked—Secretary Wilson Hopeful For Suppression.

Washington, D. C — The Department of Agriculture ordered a quarantine against the entire State of Maryland so far as cattle and sheep are concerned on account of the appearance of foot and mouth disease.

The restrictions put upon the State in the exportation of animals afflicted with the disease are the same as those applied to Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Michigan.

The first reports of the prevalence of the epidemic came from Lineboro, which is but half a mile from the Pennsylvania State line. Government inspectors at once were sent to the place to ascertain whether the disease actually existed. It was upon their report that the quarantine order was issued.

For some time Secretary Wilson, Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and State Veterinarian Mackie, of Maryland, were in consultation regarding the course to be taken for the eradication of the disease.

In the opinion of Secretary Wilson the disease, if checked immediately in all the States it has appeared, will cost the Government about $500,000. The arrangement the Department of Agriculture has made with the State is that the Government shall pay two-thirds and the State one-third of the cost of suppression.

Baltimore, Md.—The immediate effect of the quarantine against Maryland is to stop the exportation of live stock from this port, an important industry of Baltimore. Six hundred cattle ready to be shipped by steamer were held up, although they did not come from an infected district.

As reported in a dispatch from this city several days ago, the foot and mouth disease first appeared in a herd of cattle on a farm near Lineboro, Carroll County, and, as far as known here, has been confined to that particular farm, although it has been communicated to all the cattle and hogs on the place. The farm was at once placed under rigid quarantine, and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Even the residents of the farm are subject to severe restrictions. The infected animals and all the live stock, including pigs, chickens and several pigeons, were killed. A house-to-house canvass will be made by the State Agricultural Department officials through all of that section of Carroll County to ascertain if there are any more infected cattle.

Buffalo, N. Y.—It was announced that the State Agricultural Department has prepared to make a house-to-house canvass in all districts of Western New York where there is any possibility of foot and mouth disease, with a view to finding any diseased cattle which may have been overlooked. This step is taken as a precautionary measure, as it is believed that the disease is checked, and that before long every animal affected will be under ground.

DIVORCES MORE COMMON.

Rate Growing and is Higher in United States Than Elsewhere.

Washington, D. C.—A higher divorce rate in the United States than in any of the foreign countries where statistics are available is announced by the Census Bureau, which, in a bulletin, says that at least one marriage in twelve in this country ultimately terminates in divorce. The report covers the twenty years from 1887 to 1906 inclusive. From 1887 to 1906 there were 12,832,044 marriages and 945,625 divorces, against 328,716 divorces for the preceding twenty years.

Divorce is now two and a half times as common, compared with the married population, as it was forty years ago. Utah and Connecticut are the only two States showing a decreased divorce rate.

Desertion caused 38.9 per cent. of the total divorces in the twenty years, almost half of the divorces being granted to the husband for this cause and about one-thrid to the wife for the same cause.

Hired Men to Burn His Saloon.

Convicted of arson, Henry H. Fischer was sentenced, at Kingston, N. Y., to a term of not less than five years in Dannemora Prison. It was shown during the trial that Fischer, who was the owner of a saloon, had hired two of his employes to fire his place of business. In attempting to carry out the plan gasoline was used, which exploded, both narrowly escaping death.

Convicted of Rebating.

J. H. McClure, a signal repair man employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona, Pa., and Joseph Capello, who is alleged to have accepted a pass from McClure, were convicted of rebating in the United States Court. The penalty is a fine.

James J. Hill Optimistic.

James J. Hill spoke optimistically of business conditions in the West.

PASSENGERS BURNED AND DROWNED AT SEA

Steamship Finance Collides With Georgic in New York Harbor.

ARABS ROASTED ON SARDINIA

Captain Dies at Post—Panic Stricken Pilgrims Cling to Burning Vessel Until Explosions Hurl Them Overboard to Perish.

New York City.—Coming slowly into port through the thick fog about 8.30 o'clock a. m. the big White Star freighter Georgic, from Liverpool, ran down and sank the Panama Railroad Company's steamer Finance, outward bound for Cristobal, in the Canal Zone.

The vessels came together in the main ship channel, about three miles east of the Sandy Hook Lightship. Fifteen minutes after the bow of the Georgic had torn a great hole in the side of the Panama steamer she was lying on the bottom of the channel, with only a part of her bridge, smokestack and masts showing above water.

Three passengers and one of the ship's assistant engineers were drowned. They were:

Irene Campbell, a fourteen-year-old colored girl, living near Cristobal.

Henry Muller, a railroad conductor, living at Basobispo.

Charles W. Schweinler, a policeman from the Canal Zone.

William D. Todd, third engineer, of New York.

There were about seventy-five passengers, among them nineteen women and fifteen children. Following the collision, several men and women jumped overboard, but were picked up by the boats from the Finance and the Georgic. On the whole, good order prevailed, and it was due to this that there was not a greater loss of life. The officers and crew of the Finance were cool. Captain Mowbray appeared on the deck as his vessel was sinking, armed with a revolver, and saw that the women and children were first to enter the boats. After seeing the passengers into the boats, the skipper returned to the bridge, refusing offers of help. He was on the bridge when the vessel sank. Fortunately the bridge stayed above water, and he was taken off afterward in a boat.

Following the collision the ammonia tank on the Finance exploded. William Todd, the third engineer, was caught in the escaping fluid. Almost suffocated, he staggered to the deck and jumped overboard before rescuers could reach him.

Muller was drowned while swimming about the Finance, and Irene Campbell, the little colored girl, refused to leave the Finance, clinging to the rail in a frenzy of terror.

The accident was due wholly to the fog.

British Steamer Burned.

Valetta, Island of Malta.—The British passenger steamer Sardinia, of the Ellerman line, was destroyed by fire just outside of this port, and a total of 123 persons were either drowned or burned to death. Seventy persons were rescued. The dead include 100 Arabs, five European passengers and eighteen members of the crew. Most of the passengers on board were pilgrims. Among the rescued are nine European passengers, twenty-one members of the crew and forty Arabs.

Assistance was hurried to the burning vessel from all the warships in the harbor and from ashore, but the work of rescue was greatly impeded by the heavy sea. The flames spread rapidly and were fed by streams of naphtha from the forehold. There was a condition of uncontrollable panic on board, and the passengers who did not jump into the sea were roasted to death.

MME. STEINHEIL ARRESTED.

Charged With Complicity in Her Husband's Murder.

Paris, France.—Mme. Steinheil, widow of Adolphe Steinheil, the artist, who, with his mother-in-law, Mme. Japy, was murdered in his home last May, was arrested for complicity in the crime.

She had said in an interview published by the Echo de Paris that she knew that the murderer was Alexandre Wolff, son of her cook, and that she had kept silent owing to threats against her made by Wolff.

After the discovery of the murder Mme. Steinheil made several attempts to incriminate others, in one instance placing a pearl, which was supposed to have been stolen from her home, in the pocketbook of a chauffeur, the discovery of which in his possession led to his arrest.

ROBBER DECEIVES FAMILY.

Disguises Himself as Head of Household and Chloroforms Woman.

Chicago, Ill.—Two robbers, one of them disguised as the head of the family so effectually as to deceive the mistress of the house, invaded the residence of William Goes in Washington Heights. They overpowered Mrs. Goes, tied her to a chair and chloroformed her, after which they looted the house at their pleasure.

After the thieves had made good their escape Mrs. Goes remained unconscious for an hour and a half.

THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. S. EDWARD YOUNG.

Subject: Mountain Taught People.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Every seat on main floor and in the gallery was filled Sunday in the Bedford Presbyterian Church, and chairs were placed in every available space to accommodate the large audiences that wished to hear the new pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young. His subject was: "Wanted—People Taught on the Mountains of God to Toil in the Lowlands of Sin." The texts were from St. Luke 9:33, 37 and 38: "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles. * * * When they were come down from the hill, much people met Him. And behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, 'Master, I beseech Thee, look upon my son.'" Dr. Young said:

Wanted—People taught on the mountains of God to toil in the lowlands of sin. Our best training, our noblest service, is neither up there altogether, nor down here altogether; but consists in uniting wisely the dreamer and the doer, the mystic and the practical man. How many art reprints cut Raphael's sermon in the middle by showing only the top half of his "Transfiguration!" You may well extol the composition of that portion, its design, its expression, its grace. Above the adoring trio of disciples see that portraiture of Christ beyond which human genius probably cannot go. Yet with you ought to linger quite as persistently the scene Raphael crowds at the foot of the mount—the pitiable lad, the agonized father, the eager multitude, the mockers and the sorely harried nine disciples—Raphael's way of writing underneath "The upper glory is needed down here." Let helpers come from the highland country. Oftimes off the material hills men have dashed into earth's valleys for daring conquests. Their lungs had the ozone and their limbs the litheness and their wills the boldness born of lofty altitudes. From Sinaitic plateau Moses will break into low-lying Egypt and redeem his race. From Tabor or Olivet or some other prayer-mount Jesus will arrive every morning in spirit renewed. The missionary enterprise is never from dead level to dead level, but always from the heights of God to the quagmires of men.

To be most useful in the hurry and struggle of our twentieth century life you require a Hermon Summit of the mind, a spiritual sanctuary whereunto you again and again resort. No mortal's steady work can be beautiful or sublime enough to escape the need of this heavenly retreat. Would you not say that Charles Dickens sank further than some of his characters and remained merely a character-sketcher, not a character-builder, because he lacked the relief that comes by being away awhile from one's task and one's self? He was buoyed up by the popularity of his books, by the thunder he made, by the money he got, by the cheer of his friends—these gone, his cup was empty. Happy are those who find surcease of the world's clamor in reading authors who uplift and so shelter in the sanctuary of literature. Blessed are such nature loving spirits as can attain fine elevation and a serene outlook if only they catch a glimpse of blue sky or feast their eyes upon the luster of the stars. Most blessed are they who, wheresoever placed, have learned to meet with God, to keep their tryst with Him, to see His face and be filled with His vision for them. No recent religious movement promises more, I am persuaded, than the world-wide banding together of a few disciples here and there to observe the morning watch, the first half hour on waking from sleep each new day being devoted to reading the Scriptures, to meditation and prayer—a sort of holy exorcising of the evil spirits and fleshly lusts, a washing out of the fret and soreness of the heart, the anointing of the inner self with heavenly ideas. I entreat you to establish this morning watch. Keep your Jerusalem windows open. Believe the presence of the Almighty about you and hear Him say: "I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come."

Shall we not esteem our mountain top our castle for refuge? In olden times in Germany or France or England at the morning light through the castle gates issued the people, each to his farming or trading or journeying. When enemies came, or nightfall, into the castle they hied for safety. Castle-surrounded is my soul while I keep unprofaned a trysting place with God. Assaults are made—I separate the world by hauling in across the moat the drawbridge of worldly thought. I let the portcullis call. I hide within the protection of Him who is my fortress. Come hither, tempted men and women! Come, any Margaret cast off by any Faust! Come, every Simon Peter who falls! Make haste to the castle!

Shall we not consider our mountain top a communion closet? Christ disclosed the first secret of prayer thus: "When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door pray." We simply must sometimes leave the world out there. Grant yourself a little release from our terrible New York turmoil. Occasionally shut outside your secret prayer-door even your dearest earthly friends. Depths of divine communion wait in which you can enter only when alone. An often used prayer cell would be the best possible feature in a New York office building and would prevent many a tragedy of character sad enough to make an archangel weep.

Shall we not seek our mountain top for inspiration? Are not our natures like stagnant waters needing to be lifted in looms of light and woven into vapors, reborn in the sky, to descend in benedictions on the land? What inspiration, what exaltation, what sense of other worldliness the transfiguration brought to Christ and the three disciples! Detached it seemed they were from earth—there in exhilarance. Detached from time they were—eras of Moses and Elijah and Jesus merged—there is the atmosphere of eternity. Detached from fear—even death spoken of as an exodus, a transit out of Egypt into Canaan—there is fullness of joy. And what more shall I say?—of that Shekinah light that clothes the Mount? Of the Master's raiment white from the woofs of God? Of His sunlike shining face? Of the voice ethereal trumpeting: "This is My beloved Son?" Of the rapture well nigh past endurable?

But yonder is an afflicted boy, down in the mountain's shadow—pity that poor lad. Any moment a convulsion takes him, hurls him into fire or water. His body now is rigid, now is limp. His teeth chatter and—Why does he not speak? Disease has slain his power of speech. No sound hears he. A demon tyrannizes over his spirit. From childhood's days, year on year his malady has been to him a living death. Take back your mountain top words, Simon Peter, "It is good for us to be here—And let us make three tabernacles." Could ye sit and sing yourselves away to everlasting bliss up there and let this tortured youth go on dying and yet not dying?—Christ and His three disciples descend the mountain and behold the lad unshackled from his agony! Granted are the mountain top experiences that all may render the lowlands better service. "Freely ye have received; freely give."

Have you a kindness shown?
Pass it on! Pass it on!
'Twas not given for you alone,
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on! Pass it on!

Have you found the heavenly light?
Pass it on! Pass it on!
Souls are groping in the night,
Daylight gone! Daylight gone!
Hold your lighted lamps on high,
Be a star in someone's sky,
He may live who else would die,
Pass it on! Pass it on!

But down there waits a father, distressed. His very soul groans itself out for this, his only son. He has tried everything and everybody. He despairs. Stay forever up in those radiant heights and permit this broken-hearted father to perish in his heroic struggle? Not you who are touched with celestial fire! Christ and the three go down—soon that father's happiness mounts on eagle's wings. Dear church people, by what right call we ourselves Christians, if we desire Jesus Christ and the sanctuary and spiritual seasons all to ourselves with never a thought of sharing with the yet unblessed? I do not know where that wretched boy of the lowlands is; but I know he is somewhere and that he needs you. I know not the whereabouts of that suffering father yearning for your assistance. I know he is somewhere.

But down there are a multitude of people tossed by doubts, willing to believe on due evidence, ready to receive the real living illustration of the Christ spirit incarnate again; still weak and worried till one come with the breath of mountain top to hearten and lead upward. Oh, the thousands here at hand so waiting! Yes—and rise your chivalry now! Down there are nine disciples doing their utmost to keep the boy and his father and the people; and these nine are scorned, jeered, taunted by hateful bystanders who more than hint that the disciples and the Master, too, are fakirs and deceive the unwary. Show me the coward shirker who would everlastingly hang around up here on the mountain top while those brave valley heroes battle against such odds. Remain exactly long enough on your mountain top to fix in your mind the ideal from God and in your heart the resolve to go down and made the ideal glorious fact. As Moses saw the tabernacle on Sinai's summit, tabernacle built of mist timbers away in the dreamy haze, to be reproduced thereafter by solid timbers on the flat ground for the people's salvation. The sin country can be bettered only by a life a little elevated above itself in purpose and purity. Be with God some and then go.

Sufficient the number of men who look out upon humanity with entire indifference; sufficient the few who see mankind but to despise them; sufficient the abominable many whose ruling interest in their fellows is to use them for private advantage—Be thou, O, larger souled believer, one to hold thyself and all thou hast in faithful trusteeship for the rest of our brother humankind to slave for them, if you choose to call it slaving.

Our chiefest pleasure should be to serve with loftiest gifts the lowliest needs of the wretchedest mortals for whom the God-Man came to earth, went to Gethsemane and Golgotha. Ample recompense is found in the mere doing thereof, ample in our Lord's approval, ample in the long hereafter. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not a prize to be snatched to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant. * * * Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name." Wanted—People taught on the mountains of God to toil in the lowlands of sin.

Mind Your Own Business.

There is no promise of a crown of righteousness for proficiency in regulating your neighbors.

The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 6.

Subject: Solomon Chooses Wisdom, 1 Kings 3:4-15—Golden Text, Prov. 9:10—Commit Verses 11, 12—Commentary.

TIME. — 1014 B. C. **PLACE.** — Gibeon.

EXPOSITION. — I. Solomon's Prayer to Jehovah, 4-9. Solomon went to Gibeon because the Tabernacle, the place where Jehovah peculiarly manifested Himself to His people, was there (1 Chron. 21:29; 2 Chron. 1:3, 7, R. V.; Ex. 29:42, 43, R. V.). Until the Temple superseded it, that is where men who longed to meet God went, the place God Himself had appointed. The Tabernacle was a type of Christ (Jno. 1:14, R. V.), it is in Him that we meet God (Jno. 14:6). Each one of the thousand burnt offerings that Solomon offered also pointed forward to Christ. In Him there is a better ground of approach to God than in countless slain beasts (Heb. 10:1-22). The desire with which Solomon went to Gibeon was satisfied, God met him there. Twice in his life was it granted Solomon to meet God (cf. ch. 9:2; 11:9). To many of us it is granted to meet God far more frequently than that. The appearance was in a dream, but it was a real appearance (cf. Gen. 28:12, 13; Nu. 12:6; Job 33:14, 15; Matt. 1:20; 2:13, 19; Acts 18:9, 10). That God really spoke to Solomon, and that the whole incident was no product of a disordered fancy, is evident from the outcome—Solomon really obtained what God promised at this time. It was a wonderful thing that God said to Solomon, "ask what I shall give thee"—God setting all the infinite resources of His power at the disposal of a man. But He says the same wonderful thing to each humblest child of God to-day (Jno. 14:13, 14; 15:7; Matt. 7:7, 8; Mark 11:24; Jno. 15:16; 16:23, 24; 1 Jno. 3:22; 5:14, 15). Before asking for anything, Solomon acknowledged the wonderful goodness of Jehovah already manifested toward his father and himself (cf. Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2). God's great "kindness" (R. V.) to his father in the past encouraged Solomon to ask great things for himself in the present. God's dealing in kindness with David was according to David's sincere, righteous and upright walk (cf. ch. 9:4; 15:5; 2 K. 20:3, 4; Ps. 15:1, 2; 18:20-24; 1 Jno. 3:22). A crowning manifestation of God's kindness was that He had given him a son to succeed to his position and his work. Solomon speaks of his father by a more honorable title than king, "Thy servant David." Jehovah Himself had conferred this title upon David (2 Sam. 7:5). Solomon recognized that he owed his own present exalted position entirely to God (cf. Dan. 2:21; 4:25, 32; 5:18, 21). He also recognized his own utter insufficiency for the position. He was perhaps twenty-one years of age at this time. In his own eyes he was "but a little child" (cf. 1 Chron. 29:1; Jer. 1:6; Lu. 14:11). He saw the greatness of the responsibility that had been laid upon him. He asked, therefore, for an "understanding heart"—literally, a "hearing heart," i. e., a heart that should hear the voice of God. What he asked is of more value than all honors and all riches (Prov. 3:13-18; 16:16). His father's words to him and prayer for him had suggested to Solomon this request (1 Chron. 22:12; 29:19). Those words had gone deep into Solomon's heart. This great thing that Solomon asked we may all ask and get (Jas. 1:5-7). It was not for his own sake that Solomon asked for an understanding heart, but for the people's good, and above all because they were Jehovah's people. In the final analysis the chief aim of the prayer was Jehovah's glory. That is the chief aim of all true prayer.

II. Jehovah's Answer to Solomon, 10-15. God was pleased with Solomon's prayer. He is always pleased with an intelligent prayer (Prov. 15:8). He mentions some of the things that Solomon might have asked, things that many would have asked had they had Solomon's opportunity. But Solomon's choice was much wiser. A wonderful thing God says to him, "I have done according to thy words." Think of it, the infinite God doing according to the words of a finite man. But He often does that (Jno. 15:7). Solomon got what he had asked, but he got it in a more abundant measure than he had asked. His wisdom became noted throughout the earth, and throughout all ages (v. 28; ch. 4:29-34; 5:12; 10:3-8, 23, 24). God also gave him exceeding abundantly above what he asked (cf. Eph. 3:20). If we seek the best thing, God will give us with it the minor things (Matt. 6:33; Ps. 84:11, 12; Ro. 8:32). His riches were enormous (ch. 10:23-29). Wisdom which he sought came bringing riches and honor in her hand (cf. Prov. 3:16). God made Solomon still another promise, but this was conditional upon his future conduct (v. 14). The promise was lone life; the condition, obedience. Obedience to God's laws is the great secret of longevity (Deu. 5:16; 25:15; Prov. 3:1, 2, 16; 1 Tim. 4:8). All God's richest blessings are conditioned upon obidence (Acts 5:32; Jno. 14:15-23). Solomon did not fulfill the condition and missed the promised blessing, he died comparatively young (1 K. 11:42). He showed his appreciation of Jehovah's goodness in the only way known to him. The sacrifices that we offer are different (He. 13:15, 16, R. V.) but have the same purpose.

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TROUGH CREEK.

Waters are low yet.

W. H. Bumgardner has a talking machine.

Eggs and butter are scarce as hen teeth in our valley.

D. K. Coder has killed four wild turkeys, all the law allows in one season.

We had snow and almost zero weather, yet Nov. 24th we saw dandilions in bloom.

Mrs. W. T. Smith sold a flock of turkeys and ducks to Eddings for Thanksgiving.

C. B. Horton, of Cass, was calling on friends at Meadowvale the latter part of the week.

Rev. Reeser is very grateful to the Calvin Class for the buggy robe presented to him by them.

We are sorry to hear of the sad accident that happened Joshua Oakman. His parents have our sympathy.

Mrs. C. M. Pheasant is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Greenland, at Duncansville, Blair County.

Thanksgiving service in the M. E. church at Calvin was well attended and appreciated by all present.

J. C. Shaffer remains about the same. He is always glad to see his friends and neighbors when they call to see him.

Mrs. B. F. Pheasant and Mrs. J. W. Heaton, of Cassville, visited at the home of H. H. Bumgardner one day last week.

Mrs. Alice Mirely, of Calvin, has returned home after an extended visit in the western states. She reports a very pleasant visit.

The Aid Society was well patronized. All enjoyed the chicken pie, oysters and ice cream. We are not informed as to the amount cleared.

Mrs. L. P. Bowman of Mapleton, is still circulating among friends in our valley. We think the pure air and high living agrees with air.

Some close observers say that E. S. W. returns from seeing his best girl in the wee hours of the morning by the tracks shown on the frosty bridges.

The sad intellegance came that Rash Swope is seriously ill at Upland, Indiana. His mother, Mrs. William Swope, started at once to see him. We hope for his speedy recovery.

LATTA GROVE.

Hunting season is over for 1908.

Mr. Henry Stever, of Huntingdon, spent a few days with his sons this week.

Wilbur Lynn supplied his grandmother Lynn with butchering wood on Tuesday.

J. H. Stever and family returned home Sunday after having spent a week with friends in Altoona.

Messrs. G. D. Lynn and Elmer Bowman transacted business at Saltillo and Three Springs Saturday.

Mrs. Amanda Dell and Mrs. Jennie Querry and daughter, Myrtle, are at present visiting in Altoona.

Mrs. James Monihen who has been suffering with a sore foot for some time is improving slowly at present.

J. H. Dell and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Dell's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Long, of near Saltillo.

Mrs. George Taylor and daughter, Mrs. A. S. Dell, visited Miles Taylor, of near Huntingdon, a portion of last week.

Mr. Jesse Pheasant and son Rolla, Mr. Rudy Anderson and best girl Sundayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luden Dell.

Messrs. M. F. Dynn, Milton Stever and Isaac Querry are hauling lumber from Calvin to Huntingdon for Mr. Whitsel.

Oliver Dell and son Walter, of Langdondale. returned home Tuesday after having spent several days at the parental home.

Miss Oma Dell, of Mapleton, attended services at Latta Grove Sunday. Oma has a number of friends in this locality who are always glad to see her.

The revival meeting at Bowman's chapel continues to grow in interest. Up until now there have been eight conversions and a number are still at the altar.

TODD.

Washington Reed is having a well bored near his house.

Orbra David killed a porker last week that dressed 410 pounds.

Roy Taylor spent Thanksgiving with his father H. D. Taylor.

Christmas entertainments will be held at Asbury and Newburg.

The protracted meeting will begin at the Bethel next Sunday evening.

Elba Curfman, wife and son spent a few days with his parents at this place.

Solomon Stapleton and sister Minerva, of Tyrone, are spending some time at home.

J. C. Pheasant, of Pogue, visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Buckley over Sunday.

Ira Elias, of Morrison's Cove, visited at the home of Oliver Curfman and family last week.

Famous Jigsaw Puzzles Free.

"THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS" is giving away free every Sunday 200 of the famous Jigsaw Puzzles for the best solution to the puzzle which appears in "THE PRESS" every Sunday. These Jigsaw Puzzles are the latest fad and will amuse and entertain you for hours at a time. Everybody is crazy about them. The contest is open to everybody. Order "THE SUNDAY PRESS" and read all about them and secure one of the prizes.

Prominent Mail Clerk Dead.

Charles C. Ewing, one of the oldest and best known railway postal clerks running between New York and Pittsburg and residing at Huntingdon, died at the University hospital, Philadelphia, on Tuesday night at 10 o'clock, of cancer of the stomach. He had been ailing for the past year but despite the fact that he suffered much he remained on duty until a short time ago,

A week ago he went to Philadelphia and entered the hospital in the hope of gaining relief, but on examination it was found that his case was hopeless and all that could be done for him was a minor operation to relieve his sufferings, which at times were intense. He lingered until the time mentioned above.

Deceased was the son of the late Captain William H. Ewing, of Newton Hamilton, at which place he was born in 1854. He had been in the postal service for the past twenty years and had run between New York and Pittsburg. He was of a cheerful and jovial disposition and was probably better knownthan any mail clerk running over the Pennsylvania road. Heis survived by his wife and two daughters in Huntingdon, and one son in North Dakota. The funeral was held from his late home in Huntingdon at two o'clock Monday afternoon, followed by interment in Riverview cemetery.

Thanksgiving Surprise.

Our townsman John M. Miller was given a surprise on Thanksgiving Day by his wife and relatives who had planned to spend the day at his home. Their hopes were realized as John knew nothing of the event until the guests with their baskets of edibles specially prepared for the occasion began to arrive. From Harrisburg came his brother, C. C. Miller, wife and daughter, Miss Verna; from Burnham his sister Mrs. Harry Eade, her husband and son Harry; from Tyrone his sister Mrs. W. A. Miller and son Harry and daughter Sara. These were joined here by his sister-in-law Mrs. Lida Miller and her son Melvin and wife, and her daughter Mrs. Prudence Parker and husband and all went to the Miller home on Railroad street where they sprung their surprise and prepared and partook of as choice a Thanksgiving dinner as would be possible to prepare. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and John feels that he could observe Thanksgiving at least once a week.

Regrets received from James Miller, a brother, in the soldiers' home at Dayton, Ohio, saying on account of sickness he could not be present.

Initial Steps to Secure State Hospital for Inebriates.

Governor Stuart Monday evening gave a hearing to a committee of the State Medical society of Pennsylvania in advocacy of an appropriation for the establishment of a hospital for the treatment of inebriates. The committee, which was headed by Dr. John B. Carrol, of Hatboro, as chairman, in the absence of Dr. Theodore Diller, of Pittsburg, presented voluminous reasons why a hospital should be established for the restraint, care and treatment of inebriates and those who suffer from drug habits. The governor listened and said that he would take the facts into consideration.

The speakers came from all over the state and were:

Dr. Carrol, Dr. Charl s K. Mills, Philadelphia; Dr. J. W. Ellenberger, Harrisburg; J. Milton Coulton, Jenkintown; Dr. George E. Holtzapple, A. P Bromell, and A. P. Elsesser, of York; Dr. J. P. Shaw, director of charities, Pittsburg; Dr. J. B. McAllister, of Harrisburg; Dr. D. H. Strickland, Erie; Dr. Charles E. Thompson, Scranton; Dr. S. B. Taylor, Reading, and Rev. Dr. T. T. Everett, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, of York.

Both medical men and laymen presented statistics and facts about their own localities and their reasons for an appropriation, should the state's resources permit it.

The Christmas Dinner Table.

A simple arrangement for the table is gained by using a thick holly wreath tied on two sides with broad red ribbons and placing in the centre a crystal candelabra filled with tall candles.

Another plan is to have a centerpiece of wedge-shaped boves holding slices of rich fruit cake or Christmas bonbons, with the points of the boxes holding rosebuds with candles. These boxes may serve as souvenirs. A vase of holly or mistletoe is placed in the centre of the table. Little candles in star holders can be arranged about the outer edge of the boxes, which are tied with red and green ribbons. The place cards suitable for the season are laid on each plate, while in the napkins are placed crisp bread rolls.

For a family dinner, a glass punch bowl filled with polished fruit, may be used for the centre of the table, making a mass of rich and glowing color. A wreath of grapes and holly may be placed about it and silver candlesticks can hold tall red candles, which may have red shades, if one desires. The place cards represent poinsettias. On the napkins are placed Swedish soup crisps, rolled into cornucopia shape. Use the finest damask cloth and the best china and glass.

A star of brown and green pine cones makes another effective centerpiece, each point ending in a fan made of green pine needles. At each intersection may be arranged a small red electric-light bulb, the light being supplied bv a battery hidden beneath the poinsettia that is arranged in the center. At each cover is placed a sprig of holly. Bonbons and menu carry out the Christmas colors as far as practicable.—*Woman's Home Companion for December.*

DIED.

YOUNG—In Huntingdon, November 21, 1908, of acute indigestion, Miss Grace Young, aged 23 years, 10 months and 21 days.

LEONARD—At Shirleysburg, November 20 1908, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Maggie C. Leonard, wife of Joseph C. Leonard, aged 30 years. 6 months and 20 days.

MADDEN—Mrs Harry Madden died at her home at Rockhill, November 24, 1908, after an illness of several months.

HOLLINSHEAD—At her home in Smithfield November 23, 1908, Mrs. Rachel Hollinshead, aged 80 years.

FOCKLER—At her home in Saxton, November 22, 1908, of a complication of diseases, Mrs. Mary E. Fockler, formerly of Huntingdon, aged 64 years.

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